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Molly Dwyer Clerk of Court U.S. Court of Appeals (Via Ninth Circuit CM/ECF)

Re: United States v. Steven Duarte, C.A. No. 22-50048

(Arg. & Sub.—December 4, 2023—Pasadena)

Dear Ms. Dwyer:

The Government submits this letter pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 28(j) to correct a mistake in defendant's March 7, 2024 letter. Defendant suggests that the government, "including at oral argument," has not articulated any limitation on legislatures. That is incorrect. See 18:23-22:36 (discussing constitutional and political limitations). As the government articulated, the Second, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments, and the democratic process meaningfully limit legislatures "from redefining common behavior as felonious."

Very truly yours,

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